Fencing on Indo-Bangladesh Borders

821. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of the ambitious project to fence the Indo-Bangladesh International Borders to halt illegal infiltration, launched in 1987;

(b) whether the border is still a freeway for all as reported in the Indian Express of 5the June,2002;

(c) the amount spent till 31st March,2002 on fencing and the estimates for completion of the remaining portion of the project; and

(d) what is the position of construction of raods along the Indo-Bangla Borders and the likely time by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Government has sanctioned construction of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border in two phases. Phase-I was sanctioned in 1987 and Phase-II in 2002. An amount of Rs.159.71 crores has been spent on fencing works till 31.3.2002, As per the sanction an additional Rs.608.07 crores is estimated to be spent for completing the remaining portion of the fencing.

A total of 3662.88 Kms. of road length was approved for construction in both phases of the project. Out of this, 2565.2 Kms. have been completed. The remaining portion is targeted to be completed by 2007.

Though the construction of fencing and roads, to the extent it has been completed, has helped to improve border surveillance and monitoring, the problem of illegal migration through the Indo-bangladesh Border continues.

Drive against polluting vehicles by Delhi Traffic Police

822. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Traffic Police has started a drive against polluting vehicles from July,2002;